licences given to VSP. The rationale for giving these relaxations is being looked into.

No licence was nominated in the name of any third party by the Government. As per the Policy, after fulfilment of export obligation and completion of other formalities, a licence is made transferable and the party is free to transfer such a licence to any third part. Such transferees can also import any items available in the licence, duty-free as per the Policy.

ठेकेदारों द्वारा गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र में मजदूरों की भर्ती

1965. **श्री कामेश्वर पासवान:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या विभिन्न कार्यालयों, फर्मों और औद्योगिक इकाइयों विशेष रूप से गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र में मजदूरों की भर्ती केवल ठेकेदारों द्वारा ही की जा रही है;

(ख) क्या अस्थायी संविदा मजदूरों को प्रबंधकों द्वारा स्थायी आधार पर चल रहे कामों के लिए भी नियुक्त किया जाता है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका औचित्य क्या है और सरकार का इस संबंध में क्या दृष्टिकोण है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार इस विचार से सहमत है कि संविदा मजदूरी प्रणाली से केवल मजदूरों का ही शोषण होता है और मालिक तथा प्रबंधक फायदें में रहते है?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री पी.ए. संगमा): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) ठेका श्रम (विनियमन और उत्पादन) अधिनियम, 1970 कतिपय प्रतिष्ठानों में ठेका श्रम के नियोजन को विनियमित और कतिपय परिस्थितियों में इसके उत्पादन का प्रावधान करता है। केन्द्रीय ठेका श्रम सलाहकार बोर्ड के परामर्श से सरकार द्वारा जांच किए जाने पर अधिनियम की धारा 10 के अन्तर्गत ठेका श्रमिकों का नियोजन प्रतिसिद्ध किया जा रहा है।

Working of Consumer Grivances Redressal Cells

1966. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Consumer Grivenances Redressal Cells/Courts set up by Government have been doing excellent work in protecting consumer interests all over the country;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider allocation of more funds towards augmenting facilities/manpower for smooth functioning of Consumer Courts and to upgrade their existing judicial powers: and

(c) whether Government would also consider levying a consumer welfare cess from every manufacturer/purveyor of goods/services to build a corpus for Consumer Welfare Fund in order to provide free legal aid to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government has agreed to release Rs. 61 crores, in four half yearly instalments to the States/UTs to strengthen the infrastructure of the Consumer Courts set up under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. So far, it has sanctioned Rs. 5 crores to them as a part payment of the first instalment.

(c) No, Sir.

Allotment of Rice to Private Exporters

1967. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether private exporters are being allotted rice from the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the basis on which the allotment is made to the private exporters;

(c) whether there has been a delay in giving the delivery of rice by F.C.I. to the rice exporters;

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(e) the steps taken to regulate the system?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have authorised the FCI to sell fine & superfine rice to the exporters including S.T.C., M.M.T.C. & PEC on the following criteria:

(i) Placement of demand on FCI for purchase under Open Market Sale Scheme for export by depositing 1% of basic cost as EMD.

(ii) Shipment schedule for different ports indicated by the buyers.

(iii) Local availability of stocks of required

variety viz. fine (Raw or Boiled) superfine (Raw or Boiled) in depots of FCI nearer port towns.

(iv) Rail movement feasibility ex-surplus regions of North with ref. to (ii) above within the overall ceiling of number of rakes earmarked for rail movement ex-north.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Guarantee to consumer cooperatives in Maharashtra

1968. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Consumer Cooperatives in Maharashtra were given guarantee under Central Government Cash Credit Guarantee Scheme in 1977-78; and

(b) if so, the society-wise guarantee amount involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement showing the details of Central Government Guarantee given to Consumer Co-operative Societies in Maharashtra during 1977—79 is annexed.

Statement

The details of Central Govt. Guarantee given to the following societies during the year 1977—79 in Maharashtra State

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Society	Amount for which Govt. Guarantee given
1.	Satara Distt. Central Coop. Cons. W/S & Retail Stare Ltd.	12.00
2.	Aurangabad Central Cons. Coop. Store Ltd. Aurangabad (Mah.)	10.00
3.	Janta Central W/S and Retail Coop. Cons. Stores Ltd. (Mah.), Akola.	6.30
4.	Nanded Central Cons. Coop. W/S & Retail Store Ltd. (Mah.)	20.00
5.	Laxmi Central Cons. Coop. W/S & Retails Stores Ltd.	20.00
6.	Mumbai Kamgar Madhyawarti Grahak Sahakari Mandal Ltd., Bombay.	60.00
7	Ahmednagar Central Coop. Cons. W/S and Retail Stores Ltd. (Mah.)	7.00
8.	Ishanya Mumbai Madyawarti Grahak Sahakari Madal Ltd., Bombay.	7.00
9.	Maharashtra Rajya W/S Cons. Coop. Societies Fed. Ltd. (Mah.)	100.00
10	Kolhapur Janata Central Coop. Cons. W/S Stores Ltd. (Mah.)	6.00
11.	Latur Central Coop. Cons. W/S and Retail Stores Ltd. (Mah.)	15.00
12.	Miraj and Sangali Central Coop. Cons. Stores Ltd. (Mah.)	3.50
13.	Jalgaon Central Coop. Cons. W/S & Retail Stores Ltd. (Mah.).	2.50

Training of SC/ST officers in Department of Statistics

1969. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of SC/ST Officers from Computer Centre, Department of Statistics who have been provided training on the recommendations of U.P.S.C. during the last three years;

(b) if no training has been provided what action is being taken to provide them training as per UPSC recommendations;

(c) whether training is not provided before the completion of probation period then what would happen to their probation period; and